


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: February 18, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development
RE: Friday Report 
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 2/21/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presidents' Day: City Hall Closed
Tuesday 2/22/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing, postponed until March 1st• Newton Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force - cancelled - Next meeting March 22nd
Wednesday 2/23/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationship Violence Action Committee, 3:00 p.m., Room 222• The Urban Fabric Subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m., Planning and Development Conference Room (basement level, City Hall)• Public Safety & Transportation Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202
Thursday 2/24/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202• Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209

- **Newton in the LEED:** This week the City was notified that Newton North High School has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) **GOLD certification** under the "LEED for Schools" rating system, which is internationally recognized for "green" building. Newton North is the first high school in the State to achieve this status and the first "LEED for Schools" project in the City. Some of the sustainable features in the 413,000 sq. ft. school include an energy-efficient building envelope, a white roof that reduces the building's heat-island effect, roof-mounted photovoltaic panels that generate electricity for the building, reuse of storm water for irrigation of athletic fields, high indoor air quality and operable windows, energy-efficient LED lights, occupancy sensors, water-conserving plumbing fixtures, a computer-controlled heat recovery HVAC system, recycling of construction waste, local and recycled content building materials, and third-party building envelope commissioning. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617-796-1121 or aananth@newtonma.gov.**
- **Urban Fabric Subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Committee:** The Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Planning and Development Conference Room (basement level of City Hall). **Contact Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 or szeren@newtonma.gov.**
- **Public Safety and Transportation Committee:** The Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:45 p.m. in Room 202. A detailed agenda can be found at www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or dkoses@newtonma.gov.**
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will meet on Thursday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **149 Otis Street**, request for full demolition of house and barns; **30 School Street**, partial demolition of roof; **Administrative Discussion:** Minutes, Demolition Delay Ordinance, and project updates. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or blever@newtonma.gov.**
- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on Thursday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. Agenda items are as follows: **1 Nonantum Road, N.O.I.** DCR proposes to repair & replace 3 culverts between Maple St. and the Daly Rink in conjunction with the re-development of Nonantum Road in the 200 ft. riverfront to the Charles and the 100 ft. buffer

to bank; **483 Dedham St. Charles River Country Club.** N.O.I. proposal to re-grade the 15th Fairway and re-direct run-off, which is partially in the riverfront and the buffer zone areas; a temporary access road is proposed through bordering vegetated wetland;

Walnut/Wales Street, Bridge N.O.I. DPW to re-pave, widen sidewalk, regrade and install safety features in riverfront; **11 Chesley Road**, N.O.I. after-the-fact for gravel driveway in the 30 ft. flood zone and the 200 ft. riverfront of Hammond Brook; **326 Fuller Avenue - Brae Burn Club Pond**, R.D.A. Proposal for hand-pulling of milfoil; **Off-leash dog park at Norumbega** request to postpone discussion; **Violations(updates): 34 Farwell Street**, Violation with E.O. & O.O.C. issued; **193 Oak Street Village Condos.**, E.O. issued for improper snow removal; **25-27 Christina Street**, E.O. issued for improper snow removal; **320-322 Needham Street**, E.O. issued for improper snow removal; **Certificates of Compliance: 62 Brierfield Road** excavator removed from flood zone; **100 Boulder Road** hay bales in flood zone; **21-23 Cross Street** needs site visit and removal of Rose of Sharon from mitigation area; **36 Hyde Avenue** needs site visit; **46 Kingswood Road** awaiting site visit; **77 Florence Street** as-built plan and site visit; **33 Theodore Road.** **Contact Anne Phelps at 617.796.1134 or aphelps@newtonma.gov.**

- **Public Workshop on the Draft Mixed-Use Centers Element:** The public is invited to participate in a workshop sponsored by the Planning and Development Board on Thursday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street to review the draft Mixed-Use Centers Element for the City's Comprehensive Plan. Information pertaining to the draft amendment can be found on the City's website at http://www.newtonma.gov/Planning/mixed_use_tf/mixed_use.htm. **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or kcahill@newtonma.gov.**
- **Middlesex Conservation District Spring Tree, Shrub and Perennial Sale:**
The Sale will be held on Friday, April 22nd from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 23rd from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 4H Fairgrounds, 51 South Chelmsford Road, Westford, MA. All items can be pre-ordered through March 31st and picked up on the sale days. Early ordering is encouraged, as all items are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To place an order, download an order form from our website at www.middlesexconservation.org or call 978-692-9395 to request a brochure. The Middlesex Conservation District is a not-for-profit environmental agency whose purpose is conservation of natural resources in Middlesex County. **Contact Frances Gillespie, Plant Sale Coordinator at 978.692.9395.**